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NEW BRUNSWICK.

Quarantine station established on St. Croix River.

ST. STEPHEN, NEW BRUNSWICK, *October 24, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that a quarantine station has lately been established on the St. Croix River, at a point known as the Ledge, 6 miles below here. Vessels of all kinds clearing from infected ports for this port are obliged to anchor at point named, the officer in charge to report to the customs officials here, showing his bill of health. A doctor is sent to examine the vessel and crew. Should no contagious disease be found, the Government bears the expense, otherwise the vessel.

On account of smallpox, New York and Boston are classed as infected ports. The penalty for violating the regulations is $400.

Respectfully, CHARLES A. MCCULLOUGH,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 24, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 24, 1901:

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 8. Prevailing diseases, mild type of malarial fever and whooping cough. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not as good as usual. The 8 deaths above noted were due, respectively, to malarial fever, cirrhosis of the liver, valvular disease of the heart, hemiplegia, tuberculosis, and "ascites." One inclosure, triplicate certificate for vessel leaving fruit port.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: October 20, steamship *Hiram*, crew 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully, WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Plague decreasing.

MANILA, P. I., *September 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that little plague now exists in Manila, and the epidemic is practically over. During the week ended September 14, 1901, 1 case (Chinese) occurred, resulting fatally. Dur-

ing the same period a fatal case of plague occurred in Taguig, Rizal Province.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *September 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that 4 cases of plague, with 3 deaths (2 Chinese and 2 Filipinos), occurred in Manila during the week ended September 21, 1901.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Removal of prohibitive regulations against steerage passengers from Hongkong and Amoy.

MANILA, P. I., *September 29, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that in view of the fact that the epidemic of plague in Hongkong and Amoy is practically over, the prohibitive regulations against steerage passengers from those places, placed in force on May 1, 1901, will be removed on the 1st proximo. Vessels sailing from those ports will be required to call at Mariveles for disinfection of ship and passengers.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Discontinuation of quarantine on outgoing vessels.

MANILA, P. I., *September 28, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that as plague has about subsided in Manila, only two or three cases a week now occurring, the outgoing quarantine work for local boats, inspection and disinfection of baggage, will be discontinued on the 1st proximo. This work was instituted on April 1, 1901, and has been a valuable measure in preventing to a marked extent the dissemination of plague infection in other towns in the islands; still it has been faulty in some particulars, but was as effective as possible under the circumstances. I think, however, that during next year some of the technique can be improved.

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Mariveles quarantine station opened.

MANILA, P. I., *September 29, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the Mariveles quarantine station was opened on the 27th instant with Asst. Surg. J. W. Amesse in